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England's Steven Davies

# I'm gay, says England cricketer Davies

FORMER Kidderminster wicketkeeper Steven Davies has revealed that he is gay.

The England player – who was part of the recent Ashes-winning tour – said his decision to come out was a "massive relief" and has been backed by current Worcestershire star Vikram Solanki, chairman of the Professional Cricketers' Association.

The 24-year-old, who began his career at Victoria Carpets CC under the tutelage of coach Rob Wood, will be supported by England chief Andy Flower.

Davies said: "I'm comfortable with who I am – and happy to say who I am in public.

"To speak out is a massive relief for me but if I can just help one person to deal with their sexuality then that's all I care about."

Davies, formerly with Worcestershire but now playing for Surrey, told the Daily Telegraph that he had come out to his family five years ago and received their full support.

He confided in his England colleagues when called up for the Ashes tour and praised their wonderful support, particularly fellow keeper Matt Prior and skipper Andrew Strauss.

Davies is thought to be the first current cricket professional to make the declaration – an indicator of how difficult it can be for sports stars.

He was inspired by rugby player Gareth Thomas, who came out two years ago.

Solanki said: "Steve has the full support of all his colleagues in cricket.

"Many of those Steve plays with and against have known about this for some time and none of them regard it as anything other than an entirely personal matter."

# Turbine plan looks set to gain approval

A 60FT-HIGH wind turbine is planned for a farm near Kidderminster despite objections from residents living nearby.

The turbine would be used to generate electricity at Gorst Hill Farm, in Rock.

Plans have been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council. The scheme has been recommended for approval after consultation.

Six people have objected, saying it would spoil the rural scene. Others are worried about noise, and that it could affect wildlife.

But Natural England, the Ramblers Association and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust have not objected.

### Generate

District council officers say the turbine will generate about 31,000 kilowatt hours every year. Consumption on the farm is about 21,500kWh per year. The rest would be exported to the National Grid.

Officers say the nearest important bird area is 40 miles away and the turbine would be away from bat habitats. The scheme will be discussed by the council's planning committee on March 8.

In a report, planner Julia Mellor says: "The turbine would be clearly seen from the west, south and east...it is considered the benefits of this development would outweigh the limited harm to the landscape."

## Protesters will continue fight over £120m incinerator

# WASTE BURNER GETS GO-AHEAD

A CONTROVERSIAL £120million incinerator for Hartlebury has been given the go-ahead at a tense planning meeting.

Councillors passed the scheme for Hartlebury Trading Estate unanimously.

Protesters at a packed County Hall in Worcester let out a cry when the decision was revealed on Tuesday afternoon.

The county council verdict will now go to the Secretary of State who will choose whether to call it in or leave it in the hands of the local authority.

Protesters from Wail (Worcestershire residents Against Incineration and Landfill) are now planning to contact the Secretary of State to argue their case. They will also make representations to the Environment Agency which has issued a draft environmental permit for the site and is minded to grant a full one.

### ARGUMENTS

Chairman Ray Kirby said afterwards: "We are by no means giving up."

But Mercia Waste Management director John Plant said the plant would be "hugely beneficial" and the firm would continue to work with neighbours.

Four objectors stood forward to present their arguments at the planning meeting, including Lindsay Welsh, of Elmley Wood.

"It's hard to imagine the impact this structure will have upon the landscape," she said. "All who live in the vicinity will be condemned to live with this building and my greatest fear is the dangers that lie within it.

"No matter how much I am reassured by Mercia, I still believe there are better solutions. This is the 21st century and to me this is a dinosaur of a project."

Mr Kirby, who has led the protest group since the application was first made last April, said: "We urge you to reconsider your decision. The visual impact this project will have will be enormous and demeaning to the whole county. There are better alternatives. We cannot afford to have an extra 3,170 tonnes of CO2 in the area."

After the meeting Mr Kirby said: "It's hard to put into words how I feel. I am very disappointed with how the meeting went.

"We had strict instructions on what we could say, but the questioning we received was totally irrelevant. We will send a letter to the Secretary of State as soon as possible and we will now also address issues of finance and the environmental permit."

**By Sarah Hazelwood at County Hall**

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### What they said

**'This is the 21st century and to me this is a dinosaur of a project'**

*– protester Lindsay Welsh*

**'Although I understand the people's concerns, this is a hugely beneficial project'**

*– director John Plant*

Putting the case in favour were Mercia Waste Management director John Plant and planning advisor Nick Roberts.

Mr Plant said: "EnviRecover is an opportunity to recover value from waste that would otherwise be lost in landfill.

"It is a sustainable solution for regeneration and growth. The project has been evaluated by professional officers and a number of statutory technical consultees who have submitted no objections.

"We can 100 per cent say noise levels will be low and residents will not experience disruption as is currently heard from the brick factory. Waste will be tipped into an enclosed hall which will be maintained within the building and burnt to ensure there is no odour."

### RELIEVED

Mr Plant added afterwards: "I am relieved because we have worked long and hard to make this project happen.

"Although I understand the people's concerns, this is a hugely beneficial project.

"We still have a long way to go but we have, and always will, ensure that we work with all of our neighbours."

Councillor Maurice Broomfield, who has backed the protesters, told the meeting: "I have previously visited three incinerators across the country and they are hugely disruptive and smelly."

The waste management facility is expected to treat 200,000 tonnes of waste each year. Protesters wrote 717 letters of objection and 2,389 signatures were received in two petitions against the development. If the decision is approved by the Secretary of State, work on the project should be complete by summer 2014.

## Splinters point to dance joy



Splinters dancers Megan Altindas, front, along with Yasmin Green, left and Chloe Harris

DANCE studio Splinters came away with a brace of trophies and medals from the Wyre Forest Dance Festival – including the top accolade of senior champion.

Jordan Coussens, aged 16, was the winner with fellow Splinters performer Danielle Lefevre runner-up at Stourport Civic Hall.

Other successes included Gabrielle Sabel with most moving performance, Lauren Mobley with highest score for song and dance solo in her age group, Sam Wall for best personality of the festival, Ellie-Mae Fereday for most promising ballet performer and Lauren Mobley for highest mark in senior classical duet.

## Future of town is in focus

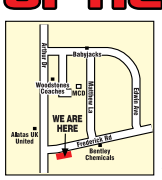
STOURPORT people can help map out the future of the town's public buildings at special focus group meetings.

One group will consider arts, theatre and hall facilities as the district council vacates the civic centre next year. A second group will look at sports and leisure facilities and the third will be an opportunity for people to find out more about the Stourport Facilities Project and how they can become involved.

The get-togethers, starting on March 7, are part of a project considering how to get the best use out of the town's assets, which is being supported by Stourport Forward and other partners.

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# Cash grant gives a lift to project for the homeless

A PROJECT based in Kidderminster has been awarded £40,000 to help young homeless people find a new place to live.

St Basils works with young people to prevent youth homelessness across Birmingham and North Worcestershire.

It is one of the largest agencies in the UK working with young people aged 16 to 25 who are homeless or at risk of becoming so.

The grant to St Basils comes from Crisis, the national charity for single homeless people, and forms part of £2million of awards for 49 new projects to help find new homes for people. Each project will receive a grant of up to £50,000 for the coming year and will target individuals who often struggle to find accommodation, including ex-offenders, young people under 25 and those in temporary homeless hostels.

The Department of Communities and Local Government is funding the Crisis programme.

Crisis chief executive Leslie Morphy said: "Single homeless people rarely meet the criteria to acquire council accommodation and finding a flat in the private rented sector can be a complex and expensive option.

"They need advice and help, but in many areas of the country these specialist services are simply not there.

### Barriers

"Crisis asked local voluntary organisations to bid for these new funds so that we can kick-start the establishment of new private rented sector access schemes. These schemes will help people overcome financial barriers, match them to good landlords and help more individuals avoid the perils of homelessness."

Housing Minister Grant Shapps said "the most vulnerable people in society" had to be protected while the Budget deficit was tackled.

## Desert island date at church

A BEWDLEY church is hoping to pull in plenty of people to welcome a special guest at its next fundraising event.

All Saints Church, Kidderminster Road, Wribbenhall, will be holding an evening of Desert Island Discs with Reverend Keith James, on Sunday, March 6, at 6.30pm.

He will share the story of his life and speak about events, people, music and ideas that have influenced him over the years.

There will also be time put aside at the end for questions.

Tickets can be purchased on the door for £3.50, which includes refreshments, and all money goes towards the preservation of the church.

For more information about the event, call 01299 400608 or 01299 402670.

## Support on earthquake

WORCESTER, Hereford and Gloucester Cathedrals have sent a message of support and sympathy to its counterpart in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The cathedral was hit by the recent earthquake which may have taken around 300 lives.

Three of the streets nearest to the cathedral in Christchurch are named Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester.

## Letters blitz as carnival chases cash

KIDDERMINSTER Carnival chairman Steve Walker is striding out to find sponsorship for the big day.

Mr Walker has hand delivered 200 letters to local businesses as he seeks backing for the big day on Saturday, June 18.

A plea to swell carnival coffers and prizes for a raffle has come to a grinding halt with only a £10 store voucher being provided.

"These are difficult times for businesses to be asked to contribute," said Mr Walker.

"But we are raising money all year round and are happy to help various local charities through the carnival. Donations come out of the blue and we need help.

"No matter how big or little your sponsorship is, every little counts."

This year's carnival will start with the crowning of the Carnival Queen outside the town hall at noon, with a horse and carriage and marching band parading around the town centre to Brinton Park.

There will be a foot procession from Talbot Road while attractions on the field will include Jennings Brothers Fair, a bouncy castle, quad bikes, donkey rides, Harriers penalty shoot-out and children's entertainer.

## Sleeves up to save many lives



Michael Burley, Elizabeth Struckett and Godfrey Lamb at the awards ceremony

THREE blood donors from the Wyre Forest have been honoured for rolling up their sleeves to help save lives with special awards.

The awards lunch is a way of recognising the commitment of long serving blood donors.

Michael Burley and Elizabeth Struckett, of Stourport, and Godfrey Lamb from Kidderminster all received a crystal plate for giving 75 donations. Each blood donation can save the lives of up to three people, so 75 donations can potentially save the lives of up to 225 patients in local hospitals.

Just three per cent of all donors reach this milestone.

The awards took place at the Chateau Impney Hotel in Droitwich Spa on Tuesday, February 22 and were presented by Claire Jones from Shropshire.

She needed more than 20 units of blood after she haemorrhaged following the birth of her daughter, Graciella, in 2009.

Pam Prescott, senior media and PR officer for the National Blood Service said: "All our donors are special, but it is a pleasure to thank our dedicated donors in this way. They continue to make time to donate come rain or shine and really are the lifeblood of our service."

Anyone aged over 17, weighing more than 50kg (7st 12lb) and in general good health could become a donor. For details of local sessions or to book an appointment call 0300 123 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk

## Record number up for awards

AN AWARDS scheme that honours the achievements of young people in the county has received a record number of nominations.

There have been 112 nominations for the Tryangle Awards this year.

The county council-run scheme recognises the achievement of those aged 11-19 whose good work, courage or other success would otherwise go unrecognised.

Anyone who is involved with young people, such as teachers, youth workers, sports coaches and volunteers, even family and friends have been encouraged to put a young person forward for an award.

### Bravery

Nominations have been made in categories ranging from bravery to outdoor activity and sporting or musical accomplishments.

Each young person nominated will receive a certificate. Overall winners of each category will be announced at a special awards ceremony at County Hall, Worcester on March 17, 2011.

Marcus Hart, cabinet member for education, said: "These awards offer an excellent opportunity to celebrate the contributions and achievements of our county's young people.

"The standard of this year's nominations is as high as ever."

More details at www.youthworcs.org.uk/tryangles


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# Wife killer jailed for life


Harold Landry

AN AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE who killed his wife in a ferocious and sustained knife attack outside their luxury home in Worcestershire has been jailed for at least 16 years.

Harold Landry, who will be 79 by the time he can be considered for parole, was found guilty of murdering his wife Lucy by a jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

Jailing him for life, Mr Justice Foskett said the attack on Mrs Landry at their home near Pershore had been "unspeakable and unforgiveable".

The jury took less than four hours to bring in a unanimous conviction that retired engineer Landry, aged 65, had murdered his 38-year-old wife.


Victim – Lucy Landry

The court heard that he wanted to prevent her benefiting from their impending divorce.

Landry, originally from Louisiana, made his fortune designing cranes for oil rigs.

Following the guilty verdict it emerged that Landry had been convicted of aggravated battery but cleared of attempted murder after shooting a love rival in Louisiana in 1994. He shot the husband of a lover and was given a suspended sentence.

Landry told the murder trial he could not remember inflicting 23 stab wounds on his wife at their home near Pershore.

### Hedge

The jury heard that Mrs Landry, who met her husband on an internet site, was left to die in a hedge beside her home on the upmarket Besford Court estate on February 1 last year.

The trial was told she had begun an affair with a school friend with whom she had resumed contact on Facebook. Landry had denied murder but admitted manslaughter.

After the trial, Det Sgt Natalie Jones, of West Mercia Police, said: "Lucy was not the only victim of this crime. Her family are also victims who suffered and are still suffering now."

## Barn plans face council rejection

PLANS for a single-storey extension at a three-bedroom converted barn near Kidderminster look set to be rejected after officials said it would blight green belt land.

Proposals have been put in for the extension at Hobro Barn, Hobro in Wolverley. They go before Wyre Forest planners on March 8 with a recommendation of refusal.

## All set for flipping good fun


Getting set are, back from left, Bewdley Rotary Club president Terry Garbett, Rotary and church member Neil Hardwick, church custodian Paul Dallaway church member and the minister's husband Derek Austin. Front, church member Diane Leigh with church minister Rev Mary Austin and her grandchildren William, four, and Oliver Kirkland, two.

PANS are greased and ready for the off as Kidderminster prepares for Shrove Tuesday pancake races.

Entrants will show their speed between 10am and noon on Tuesday, March 8, starting in Worcester Street and ending outside the town hall.

Trinity Methodist Church is organising the event with proceeds to a restoration fund.

Entry fee is £1 per person; call 01299 404226 or 01562 824450 to register.

## Historic railway is put on the market

BRIDGNORTH'S Cliff Railway has been put up for sale. Allan and Jean Reynolds are selling all the shares in the Bridgnorth Castle Hill Railway Company, which includes the historic Cliff Railway.

The couple, who bought the railway 15 years ago after taking early retirement, have decided the time is right to retire again. Included in the asking price of between £700,000 and £800,000 is a guesthouse, tearoom and a flat.

The railway, which is open seven days a week, links High Town and Low Town. Mrs Reynolds said: "It will not necessarily be sold to the highest bidder. It will be sold to the most suitable bidder."


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| Tuesday | 15.3.11 | OPEN MIC NIGHT with Big Rich & Simon |
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| Tuesday | 22.3.11 | OPEN MIC NIGHT with Big Rich & Keith |
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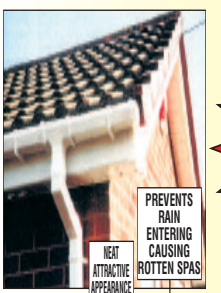
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# Mother's heartbreak at daughter's death

A GRANDMOTHER who won a battle with cancer has spoken of her heartbreak after losing her daughter to the disease.

Liz Ashcroft, a teacher at Glynne Primary School, Kingswinford, died aged 45, leaving a husband and two children.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago and was in remission until suddenly falling ill shortly after Christmas. Tests revealed the disease had spread to her lungs and liver.

## Lunch

Her mother Jean Hadley, of Hayley Green, Halesowen, had breast cancer eight years ago. She was devastated by her daughter's death. "It has been hard for all of us. She had been so well at Christmas and had cooked lunch for 15 of us," she said.

"Then suddenly she was ill again. But this time she knew it was her time to go and she wasn't resentful." Six months ago, the family held a belated 40th birthday party for Mrs Ashcroft as she had been too ill to celebrate the milestone when being treated.

Mrs Hadley, 74, chairman of the Halesowen RNLI branch, said it was a memory she would cherish. "Liz was so brave and so strong – she was inspirational – she really did make the most of her life.

"Teaching was her big love, especially encouraging children to enjoy reading."

## Funeral

Mrs Ashcroft died on January 23 and more than 400 people attended her funeral on February 2, which saw her make her final journey to the church in her beloved silver VW camper van.

Mrs Ashcroft, who lived with husband Chris, 13-year-old daughter Maisie and 11-year-old son Sam in Grosvenor Avenue, Kidderminster, bought the van when recuperating from chemotherapy five years ago.



Jean Hadley with daughter Liz Ashcroft, who has died from cancer, aged 45

## Dog charity gets a £400 boost

VOLUNTEERS took part in two collections to raise funds for Forest Dog Rescue.

The event in Brierley Hill raised £161 and the one in Dudley produced £263.

For more details on the charity visit the website www.forest-dog-rescue.org.uk

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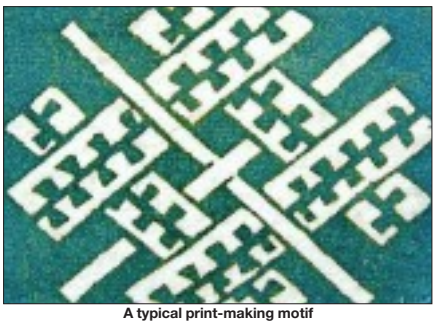
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A typical print-making motif

## How artists get to see their labours in print

WOULD-BE print artists can learn the skills at a workshop later this month.

Artist Maxine Relton will run it at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Sunday, March 20.

The workshop will be for all levels of ability, from beginners to the more experienced with the possibility of making all types of prints, from the simple to the more sophisticated.

The results can be made into all sorts of gift items including cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, and bookmarks. Maxine will take some of her own prints as examples and to show what can be made.

Specialist materials will be provided – just take an overall, apron, sketchpad, pencil, rubber, ruler, scissors and a scalpel (ideally, Morton size 10a, from art shops).

The event runs from 10.30am to 4.30pm and costs £45 (£35 concessions). Book online at www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk or call 01584 878141.

# Roadshow bid to boost the Staffie

A KIDDERMINSTER roadshow will attempt to change the image of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Members of Birch Hill dog rescue centre are concerned about bad publicity that is attached to the breed.

More than half the dogs that pass through the doors of the Cleobury Mortimer centre are Staffordshire Bull Terriers or Staffie crosses.

Now the centre, which is applying to become a charity, is to run a roadshow called Altering Images at Brinton Park on Sunday (March 6).

The event, which runs from 11am to 3pm, will see a number of groups represented including the RSPCA, PDSA, Happy Staffie Rescue and Forest Dog Rescue.

Wendy Watts, of Birch Hill, said: "Most rescue centres, large or small, are inundated with Staffies or Staffie cross type breeds.

### Boards

"Birch Hill Dog Rescue alone has seen over 100 unwanted dogs pass through its doors last year and over 50 per cent of these were Staffie related. A high percentage of these dogs were rescued from 'death row', from dog pounds around the country.

"When Birch Hill attends fundraising events we always take with us display boards showing the dogs' photos of the ones looking for new homes. Many people will shrug their shoulders and say they don't like Staffies.

"It breaks our hearts here to know that we can't help all of them," she added.

"Realistically, we are a small rescue and our walls are not made from elastic. We need to try and change people's perception of them. We need to alter an image."

More details on 01299 270406 or at www.birch-hilldogrescue.org.uk.

## Town in sweet taste of success

FAIRTRADE is being promoted in Kidderminster this week and next as part of a national push to encourage more people to buy products stamped with the campaign's seal of approval.

Competitions will be held for primary school-children and there will be tasting sessions in the Swan Centre, organised by the town's Fairtrade Group.

Products including biscuits and chocolate will tempt shoppers at tasting sessions held for three days from Thursday, March 10.

The group runs an annual competition for youngsters to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, highlighting how buying Fairtrade products helps struggling farmers and producers in the developing world to support themselves and their communities.

### Bags

A colouring competition for reception children and anagrams and wordsearch for years one to six is being sent to all Kidderminster primary schools.

There will be cash prizes of £10 for the winners of three age groups, £5 for the runners-up and goody bags for the third placed entries – and for the best coloured in picture by reception class children.

Kidderminster Fairtrade Group chairman Jackie Rose said: "Fairtrade Fortnight is the highlight of our year.

"With the big supermarkets and companies like Cadbury supplying and selling such products, awareness of Fairtrade is greater now than ever."

## Special day for floral art

STOURPORT Floral Art Club is planning a demonstration at the town's Civic Hall to celebrate the group's 55th anniversary.

Area chairman Andrew Lloyd and club chairman Joan Southerton will join forces on Monday, April 18 on the theme "Let's Celebrate".

Tickets cost £8. To book, or for more information, call 01299 823882 or 01299 826620.

## Branch out into fruit tree heritage



Joanne Barrow, from the county council's countryside services team, with some of the fruit trees available until the end of March

WYRE FOREST residents are being encouraged to get fruity.

Worcestershire County Council is trying to protect the region's heritage by selling apple, pear and plum trees. Now the scheme has been extended until the end of the month.

An estimated 85 per cent of the county's orchards have been lost over the last 50 years.

But several varieties of trees are now available, from £14.25 for Worcester Pearmain, Pitmaston Pineapple, Catshead and May Queen apple trees.

Worcester Black Pear and Pitmaston Duchess pear are £15.50, with Yellow Pershore and Purple Pershore plum trees on offer for £16.50.

The council's community greenspace team is happy to answer any questions or offer advice.

Trees can be purchased via the website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside, by email at communitygreenspace@worcestershire.gov.uk or by calling the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 766493.

## Join the run, pleads top heart charity

A LEADING charity is calling on residents to sign up for the Wyre Forest 5km run.

It takes place on Sunday, March 13 from the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre at Callow Hill, Bewdley.

The British Heart Foundation says taking part will make a real difference to patients and families.

Limited places are still available.

BHF regional events officer Jemma Curran said: "Sadly heart disease touches us all, it is still the nation's biggest killer.

"Events like this Jog raise vital funds that help the BHF continue its life-saving and life-changing work – as well as boosting the fitness levels and heart health of those who enter.'

### Suitable

Despite major advances in research and care, there is still a lot to be done. Every six minutes someone dies of a heart attack in the UK.

The BHF Wyre Forest Jog is off-road, traffic free and suitable for all ages.

To enter, visit www.bhf.org.uk/wyre or call 0800 169 3672. Registration is £10 for adults and £5 for children. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

## Please put the bins back

WYRE FOREST residents are being reminded to put their wheelie bins back into position after they are emptied.

The district council request follows several instances of bins being left outside properties for long periods.

Kidderminster resident Dan Bailey, who uses a mobility scooter to get to college and town, is just one person who struggles when bins are left.

"I have great difficulty when the paths are blocked because people have left their bins out between collections instead of taking them back," he said.

## College is set for cookathon

CELEBRITY chefs and Premier League football clubs have joined forces to launch this year's Let's Get Cooking BIG Cookathon competition.

Bolton Wanderers, Something For The Weekend chef Simon Rimmer and food writer and Masterchef judge Jay Rayner are just some of those backing the national event.

It is expected to encourage 50,000 children and parents across the country to get cooking on April 5 – among them students at Kidderminster's Baxter Business and Enterprise College in Kidderminster, which has signed up.

Brian Ward, Bolton Wanderers' head chef, is backing the event, now in its third year.

The idea is to get as many people as possible cooking a healthy dish together on the same day.

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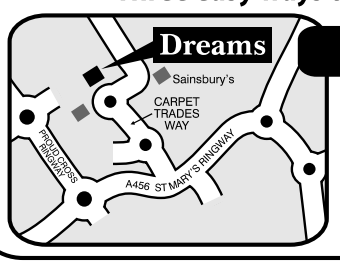
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Skaters enjoy the novel sensation of sliding around under the familiar station canopy at Kidderminster SVR. *Pictures: Jon Lucas*

# Families getting their skates on at SVR station

HUNDREDS of families have got their skates on at a temporary ice rink set up at the Severn Valley Railway.

It's the first time the heritage attraction has offered the activity at its Kidderminster Station and it has proved popular.

Up to 2,000 people are thought to have used the rink during the half-term holiday.

Catering manager Elise Ballard had the idea to boost income while part of the 16-mile Kidderminster to Bridgnorth line is out of action for repairs. The rink was set up on the concourse, itself part of a £650,000 development in 2006.

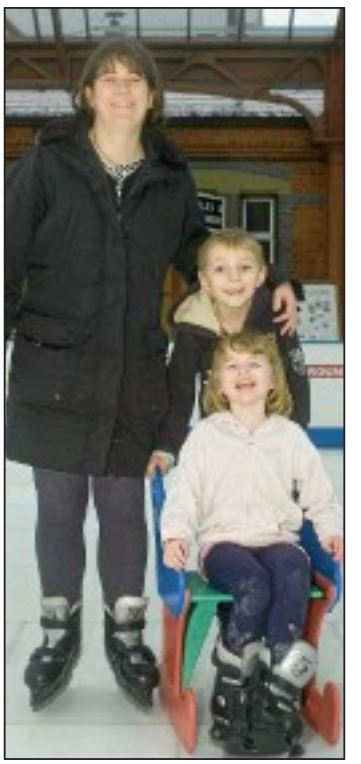
Engineering work further down the line at Bewdley and Arley has meant that the railway's steam passenger trains are running only at the north end of the line, between Bridgnorth, Hampton Loade and Highley.

SVR general manager Nick Ralls said: "This was a rather shrewd idea by Elise.

"Without any trains to worry about at Kidderminster until we reopen the full line again, this was the perfect opportunity to open up the station for another purpose.

"Judging by the enthusiasm that has been shown so far, skating gone down really well with everyone. We will certainly consider doing it again."

The engineering work includes rebuilding platforms to allow new drainage to be laid at Arley station. Waterproofing work is also taking place at the Bewdley station's viaduct. The line will not operate again completely until March 20.



Family fun for mum Lindsey Haycock with children Ryan, eight, and Emily, five, from Kidderminster



N-ice work for family friendsJulia Watkins with her grandson Connor Cooper, six, and Sharon Caddick (back right) with her daughters Melissa (back), and Katie, all from Kidderminster

# Restaurant plan at Wharf

A RESTAURANT and outside seating area will be built at a shopping arcade in the heart of Kidderminster if planners approve.

Henderson Global Investors wants to build the single-storey structure at Weavers Wharf, in Kidderminster, to replace existing public seating.

Proposals have been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council and will be discussed on March 8.

If approved, the restaurant will be built on land between the TK Maxx store and the River Stour.

The building would be glass panelled and have a large overhanging roof canopy. Outside seating would be placed on the walkway side of the river.

Existing public seating on the land would be replaced on a landscaped area on the other side of the river.

No objections have been received to the plan and council officers have recommended approval.


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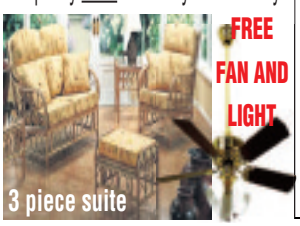
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## Random testing at hotel

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They acted in the George Hotel on February 18 at the request of the manager, who wanted to be sure there was no problem with drug users.

Checks ran from 9pm until midnight with more than 500 customers tested.

Just four gave a positive reading and all were low or background traces which can be found on anything touched by many people, such as money or cash machines.

Officers carry out the tests by taking swabs from people's hands and entering them into a machine.

Depending on the reading, the tests can show if they have handled drugs and can also identify which type.

Officers also carried out high visibility patrols and pub walk throughs at all the licensed premises in Bewdley town centre.

Pc Steve Yapp said "The overall response from people at the pub was very positive and most people were happy to be tested."

## Spanish lessons given a lift



Antonella Silvera and Guillermo Aguirre at Holy Trinity International

A KIDDERMINSTER school has played host to two exchange students from Asuncion, Paraguay.

Sixth former Antonella Silvera arrived at Holy Trinity International School (HTIS) at the beginning of September and returned home last month.

Guillermo Aguirre will continue his studies until the end of June.

Head Mrs Pam Leek-Wright said: "Student exchanges are invaluable as they enable greater understanding of other cultures and open minds to peoples from other nations.

"Holy Trinity students benefit greatly, gaining a totally new perspective on world affairs and how Europe is perceived abroad."

The Paraguayans' arrival has also opened up the opportunity for senior AS and A-level Spanish students at the school to converse and listen to colloquial accents and pronunciations.

Guillermo is trilingual, speaking Spanish, English and German and also has a working knowledge of French. He hopes to take AS French in June, after only five months of formal study.

## Hunters on the trail of plants

BODENHAM Arboretum, near Kidderminster, is to host the Plant Hunter's Fair for the first time.

The fairs take place throughout the year across the UK.

The National Memorial Arboretum, Weston Park, Ness Botanic Gardens and Bodnant Garden all host events – and Bodenham will be the only Worcester/South Shropshire location for 2011. Last year's event at Arley Arboretum attracted more than 1,000 visitors.

The Bodenham dates are Saturday, April 9 (11am-5pm) and Saturday, September 17.

All the nurseries attending Plant Hunter's Fairs are happy to offer expert advice to less experienced gardeners.

### Treasures

For hardened plantaholics there are always those little treasures to discover that are difficult to obtain elsewhere.

Plant lovers can select from an impressive array of plants from nurseries including many new to the area.

Entry to the plant fair is free. Visitors can also explore the 156-acre arboretum at the standard charge of £6.50 for adults and £3.50 for children if they wish. The restaurant will serve light lunches.

Bodenham Arboretum holds a spectacular collection of more than 3,000 varieties of trees and shrubs. There are several miles of pathways and a working farm. More details at www.bodenham-arboretum.co.uk

## Record tally of votes in youth elections

TWO TEENAGERS from Kidderminster have been successful in the latest round of youth elections.

Daniel Farmer, from King Charles School, will represent North Worcestershire in the United Kingdom Youth Parliament.

His fellow 14-year-old Philip Arthers-Thompson was elected to the Worcestershire youth cabinet to represent Wyre Forest.

A total of 24 young people from Worcestershire stood for election, attracting a record 9,000 votes with the results announced at County Hall on February 19.

Councillor Marcus Hart, county council cabinet member for education, said: "Congratulations to all these young people who have been successful and to all the candidates who have shown such commitment to youth politics.

"These record breaking voting numbers are very encouraging for the future of politics."

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# Show helps to build for the future



Careful planning is so important

BRITAIN'S love affair with home-building continues with the Homebuilding & Renovating Show returning to the NEC, Birmingham this month.

The show from March 24-27 aims to educate and inspire visitors wanting to build their future. And 80 Chronicle readers have a chance to bag a pair of free tickets (worth £28 each).

This year's show is even bigger and more interactive with a whole host of new and innovative design ideas, practical workshops and hands-on demonstrations. With more than 100 new exhibitors, the show brings all the latest in homebuilding and renovating products and services.

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Share the passions of our experts including Michael Holmes (editor-in-chief of Homebuilding & Renovating Magazine and presenter of I Own Britain's Best Home), Charlie Luxton (green home expert and presenter of Build a New Life in the Country and Best House on the Street), David Snell (consultant at the BBC and the Daily Telegraph's bricks and mortar expert), Mark Brinkley (author of the House Builder's Bible), Tim Pullen (eco expert at Homebuilding & Renovating Magazine) and Sally Tagg (planning expert at Homebuilding & Renovating Magazine).

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### TOP TIPS TO MAKE YOUR HOME GREENER

NATIONAL Homebuilding & Renovating Show spokesperson, Jason Orme believes that with higher utility bills and the recent increase in VAT, installing energy efficient systems to your new build or renovation can make an immediate and significant difference to your energy bills.

Jason explains 10 ways to make your home greener and make both short and long term savings:

**Insulation:** Almost half of heat loss in a home is through the walls. Good and effective insulation keeps heat from escaping.

**Solar heating:** 30 per cent of the average household heating bill is spent on heating water. Installing solar energy can make you a saving of around £65 per year.

**Water recycling:** Water recycling methods can save between 30-50 per cent of a home's water requirements.

**Heat pumps:** Though actual savings figures will depend on your exact fuel prices, self builders can expect to save an average of £250 a year on their energy bill by using heat pumps.

**Biomass:** Five years ago fuel oil was less than 20p per litre. It is now more than 63p — a rise of 175 per cent. Using biomass fuel can be cheaper.

**Eco lighting:** Energy saving light bulbs can last up to 10 times longer than ordinary bulbs. They cost as little as £3 and can save you up to £40 per year.

**Boilers:** Installing the right boiler will also make significant savings; The Energy Savings Trust estimates this to be up to £200 per year for the equivalent of 1.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

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I'm really stepping up the training, jogging all over the place, and as always your support for the British Heart Foundation is appreciated. Check out thewyre.com and on the main page you can sponsor me some pennies…it's all going to an excellent cause, so your help is much appreciated!

It was good to get some inspirational thoughts from Anthony Holland of Kidderminster this week. He will be running in the London Marathon in aid of Epilepsy Action on Sunday, April 17. He aims to raise a minimum of £1,500 but would love it to be more.

Anthony has various fundraising events coming up over the next couple of months and is also looking for sponsorship form individuals and businesses in the Wyre Forest. So, if you can, help to raise the awareness of epilepsy and sponsor him. His website is http://www.justgiving.com/antholland if you want to help him out.

If you don't already, make this the week you tune into The Wyre on a weekday morning. We play loads of great music, we've got competitions aplenty and I'll keep you updated with some of the weird and wonderful things I see while jogging (including two cats fighting, a binman crash into a flower pot and a pair of trousers with the belt still attached…but the owner NOT, if you get my drift).

That'll do for now…off for another jog. I'd love a pasty right now!

If you need to contact 107.2 The Wyre or have a community announcement, email info@thewyre.com

### TOP TEN PLAYLIST OF WEEK



Jessie J comes with a price tag

Born This Way
Lady Gaga

Lights
Ellie Goulding

Keeping My Baby
Duffy

Back to December
Taylor Swift

Never Gonna Leave This Bed
Maroon 5

Loving You Tonight
Andrew Allen

You'll Be Mine
The Pierces

Price Tag
Jessie J

Rolling in the Deep
Adele

Don't Hold Your Breath
Nicole Scherzinger

### WEATHER UPDATE

**The good news is that today and tomorrow should be dry, albeit with a fair amount of cloud scudding around.**

**The not so good news is that it's likely to remain pretty cold, with the chance of overnight frost. More of the same at the weekend with temperatures below normal.**



### DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

**Bringing travel updates to keep you moving . . .**

**Stourport**
B4193 Hartlebury Road has temporary traffic lights between OGL Computers and Wilden Top Road until March 9.

**Kidderminster**
Hoo Road has temporary traffic lights by the Foster Way junction on March 6.

Habberley Road has temporary traffic lights opposite number 85A until March 7.

**Bewdley**
Winbrook Road has gas main work from Merricks Lane junction to Winbrook Mews until March 25.

**Fairfield**
Temporary traffic lights along Stourbridge Road until April 8 because of water main works.

**Harvington**
Harvington Hall Lane closed between Morton Road and the A448 Bromsgrove Road until March 6.

**Winterfold**
A448 Bromsgrove Road has temporary traffic lights from Lower Lodge to the Curslow Lane junction until March 14.

**Blakedown**
A456 Birmingham Road, 40mph limit from Hagley to March 31.

**Hartlebury**
A449 Waresley to Torton Road has 40mph limit and contra flow by Old Worcester Road until April 1.

**Ombersley**
A449 Main Road has a 40mph limit and contra flow from Sinton Lane to Haye Lane until April 3.

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## Comedy talents moving Upstairs

COMEDY talents will be hitting Redditch Palace Theatre's Room Upstairs next week.

The venue plays host to Ian Smith, Jim Smallman and Haqi Ali on Saturday, March 12 (7.45pm).

Smith, though only 21, has been performing comedy for more than three years with a style of downbeat observations and uniquely warped trains of thought.

Having won the Newbury Comedy Festival's competition 'You Must Be Joking' in 2009, he has gone on to cement his reputation as one of



Haqi Ali in action

the brightest young comics around.

He was second in Comedy Central's student competition.

Smallman has been taking his brand of oddball observations and paranoid illness to stages all over the UK. The act touches on his odd life, obsession for knowledge and childish silliness.

Ali is an experienced actor in theatre, television, and film as well as being a talented stand-up comic with streetwise charm and a natural wit.

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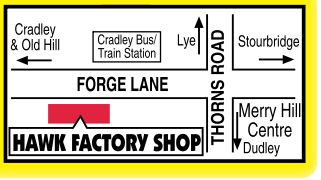
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# Soloist Oliver sure to leave them all wanting more



Shulah Oliver is the soloist at Kidderminster Town Hall

TOP VIOLINIST Shulah Oliver is to be the soloist at a major concert in Kidderminster.

Oliver will play the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto as the highlight of Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra's concert at Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday, March 19 (7.30pm).

She graduated from the Royal College of Music with a first class honours joint principal (violin/viola) degree in 2004 and completed her masters degree in performance with distinction at the Royal Academy of Music two years later, having studied violin with Howard Davis. She was awarded the diploma of the Royal Academy of Music for her outstanding final recital. Oliver was a finalist in the 19th Haverhill Sinfonia soloist competition and at the Delius Prize and has received commendations in several competitions including the Wilfred Parry Prize, the Winifred Small Prize and Sir Arthur Bliss Prize, and received the John Mundy and D-Day Fund Prize Awards from the RAM.

## Prestigious

In 2008 and 2009 she was the only UK violinist selected to take part and perform at the prestigious London Masterclasses with Gyorgy Pauk.

The concert will also feature Rossini's Italian Girl in Algiers overture, Handel's ever popular Water Music Suite and Bizet's Symphony in C.

**Tickets**: Kidderminster Town Hall and the Tourist Information Centre, Bewdley.

## All singing, all dancing Crazy show

KIDDERMINSTER Operatic and Dramatic Society is set to transport audiences back to the 1930s with an all singing, all dancing, American musical.

Crazy for You, by George and Ira Gershwin, is a melodic comedy packed with timeless classics, including I Got Rhythm.

Director Nigel Preece said: "I really hope the audience enjoy the show. The production features some well known classics.

"We want it to be a truly wonderful experience for all of our guests.

"Tickets are selling fast and I truly believe that everyone who attends won't be disappointed by the spectacular production."

The cast of 40 experienced actors and actresses started rehearsals back in November last year.

They are now putting the finishing touches to the show which opens on Thursday, March 10 and runs until Saturday, March 19.

For tickets contact the Rose Theatre box office, Chester Road North, between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Saturday; call 01562 743745 or visit www.therosetheatre.co.uk

## AROUND THE SCENE . . . AROUND THE SCENE . . . AROUND THE SCENE

EAST END comic Micky Flanagan, the comedy star of last year's Royal Variety Performance, brings his razor-sharp observational wit to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on May 11 as one of the extra dates on his tour. Tickets are £17.50.

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MOCK The Week regular Andy Parsons will be at Wolverhampton's Civic on April 8 and comedian and activist Mark Thomas has sold out the Slade Rooms on April 27. Other comedy highlights include wanna-be King of the Jungle Dom Joly at the Wulfrun Hall (May 10); comedy impressionist and sound effects man Terry Anderton, Slade Rooms (March 10); Simon Munnery, Slade Rooms (March 12) and Canadian Tom Stade at the Wulfrun Hall (March 15).

THE Rockin´ Berries show (part of their 50th anniversary tour) that was due to take place at the Wulfrun Hall next Saturday (12) has been cancelled. Refunds are available at point of purchase on return of tickets.

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UP-AND-COMING soul singer-songwriter Liam Bailey, who has been championed by Amy Winehouse and signed to her Lioness label, will be supporting Plan B at his gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tonight (Thurs) and is supporting Jessie J at Birmingham O2 Academy on April 2.

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GLOBAL, multi-million selling recording artist Charlie Landsborough releases his latest album Love In A Song on March 21 featuring classics such as Miss You Nights and and The Wind Beneath My Wings. Charlie shot to fame in 1995 and has won many country music awards. Love, In A Song brings a contemporary feel into the recordings. He will be embarking on a 14-date UK spring tour taking in Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre on Sunday, March 27

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MARCH highlights at Bilston venue the Robin 2 include: Dutch 'symphonic' rockers Epica fronted by Simone Simons on March 10; 60s rockers The Pretty Things (12) Liverpool soul favourites The Real Thing (18) punk veterans Stiff Little Fingers (21) Britain's Got Talent sax man Julian Smith (26) I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker hit-maker Sandi Thom (27). For more details or to book call 01902 401211.



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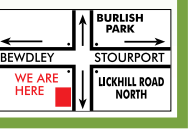
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# Find highbrow humour with Strauss' Maus

Another rural idyll features in Birmingham Royal Ballet's charming version of La Fille mal gardee, choreographed by Frederick Ashton, at the Hippodrome to Saturday.

Waltz king Johann Strauss II's comic operetta Die Fledermaus is staged at the Hippodrome in Welsh National Opera's new production directed by John Copley on Wednesday (March 9) and again on Friday (March 11). In between, and on March 12, WNO stage Verdi's full-blooded tragedy Il Trovatore.



Strauss' Die Fledermaus with Alan Opie as Frank and Jo Boag as Adele. *Picture, Clive Barda*

# Revival of traditional country drama to wit

A revival of the witty 19th Century English country drama Cranford, based on the classic book by Elizabeth Gaskell, is at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday for one week, starring Ben Roberts, best known as Chief Inspector Derek Conway in TV cop drama The Bill.

He will be alongside film, stage and television actress Hildegard Neil (who is married to Brian Blessed), former Grange Hill actress Karen Ford, and familiar TV faces Jake Hendriks (Hollyoaks) and Judy Buxton (On The Up).

This 60-year-old stage adaptation of the novel, made popular again by the star-studded BBC TV version, lets the audience look into the lives of the market town's residents, including a gaggle of gossiping ladies, but their domestic bliss is threatened by the spectre of financial ruin.

The Grand hosts Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, featuring Keith Jack in the coat of many colours, with matinee and evening performances today (Thursday), Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Alicia Turrell and Hollyoaks' Jake Hendriks.

**RACHEL KAVANAUGH** directs Lucy Caldwell's Notes To Future Self, about the daughters of a 'New Age' globetrotter who return to Birmingham, at the Mac in Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston, to March 12 before touring.

**SCIENCE** Museum Live on Tour aims to persuade youngsters that science is fun with explosive demonstrations on stage at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Wednesday at 1.30 and 7pm.

**THE ORCHESTRA** of the Swan present Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit and His Friends, a fancy dress treat with music and stories presented by children's TV favourite Lorna Laidlaw and involving hundreds of local schoolchildren. It's on at Birmingham Town Hall at 11am on Saturday. West End star, successful recording artist and Radio 2 DJ Elaine Paige will be in concert at the city's Symphony Hall on Monday.

**WOMEN'S** theatre group Foursight from Wolverhampton have joined forces with a male theatre group from Portugal for the grotesque and poignant Pertencia, staged at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Icarus present their revamp of Hamlet at the Arena on March 10.

**FOR COMEDY** head to Wolverhampton, Richard Herring is in action on Saturday night at the Wulfrun Hall, Geordie comedienne Sarah Millican has sold out her Wulfrun show on Sunday and Shooting Stars' burger van philosopher Angelos Epithemiou will be at the same venue on Wednesday. Lenny Henry returns to the Black Country with his show looking back at his life via music, Cradle To Rave, at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Thursday, March 10.

**MORE** comedy in Birmingham where on Saturday night, at the Crescent Theatre, Mrs Barbara Nice introduces the characters created by the Black Country's Fizzogg Theatre group.

**MUSICAL** blockbuster The Sound of Music, with Verity Rushworth and Jason Donovan, ends its run at Stoke's Regent Theatre on Saturday. Then Shaun The Sheep stars in his own music and dance extravaganza Shaun's Big Show at the Regent from March 9 to 13.

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**A MILLION BOOKS FOR FREE: A CULTURE SHOW SPECIAL**

BBC2, 7.30pm

In this digital age, is there still a place for the humble book – the type made from paper, rather than the ones you can download to an electronic device? If you still need convincing, maybe you could pick up a free copy of a favourite novel, memoir or poetry collection. To celebrate World Book Night, a million copies are to be given out by 20,000 volunteers. Here, Andrew Graham-Dixon will be following the progress of this astounding venture.

## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 10.00 Rip it Up and Start Again. Modern Secrets. (R) 10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Football Focus. 11.05 Live Athletics. 12.30 Final Score. 12.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.50 All Nine Yard Wipeout. Intermediate Ground.

1.20 **Let's Dance for Comic Relief.** Joe Swash, Caroline Flack, Kelvin Fletcher, Lee Nelson, Brendan Cole, Natasa Bitljanina, Lee Nelson, Tayah Willcox, Claire Grogan, Chesney Hawkes and Lemar compete in the dramby contest.

3.40 **The National Lottery: Secret Numbers.** Two best friends take part in the highest stakes game show ever devised by Nick Knowles, hoping to win enough money to take a road trip to Nashville in America.

4.30 **Countryfile.** Matthew is on cloud nine as he and fellow woman Tess go to Scarborough with her brother, while Jaqueline chooses her the camper van and receives an unwelcome visit to Mr Marjoram.

5.05 **Live at the Apollo.** With Rhod Gilbert and John Bishop. (R)

6.00 **BBC News Headlines.**

6.05 **Week at the Bay.** Including the highlights of Arsenal v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.

6.30 **The Football League Show** including highlights of Chelsea v Blackpool; Manchester City v Leicester City; Weather news.

6.55 **BBC News.**

## BBC2

6.00 Elevation. 7.00 CBBC. 8.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.50 Film: Bicentennial Man (1999) Sci-fi drama, starring Robin Williams. 11.00 Into the Wild. (R) 11.35 Live Athletics. The European Indoor Championships. 2.00 Charlie Hunnam Reads Three. (R) 2.05 Flog It! (R)

3.00 **The Story of Glyndebourne.** The evolution of Glyndebourne, the world-famous opera house in Sussex. (R)

3.55 **Doctor Who: Battlefield.** Sci-fi adventure starring Sylvester McCoy as the Doctor, Sophie Aldred as Ace and Jason Connery as Morgaine. (1989)

5.30 **A Million Books for Free: A Culture Show Special.** Andrew Graham-Dixon follows preparations for World Book Night.

6.00 **World Book Night Live from Glasgow's Aye Write! Festival.** A chat report from the literary event.

6.30 **The Books We Really Read: A Culture Show Special.** The essential ingredients of a book-selling novel.

7.00 **World Book Night Live from Both Literature Festival.**

8.00 **How Rural Are We? The Battle for the Countryside: Show A.** A celebration of the rural. Is countryside a new setting in British fiction.

9.00 **World Book Night Live from Royal Festival Hall.**

10.00 **FILE: Bibliophiles Revisited.** (2009) Presenters Dianna, with Matthew Goode, Ben Whishaw, Hayley Atwell and Emma Thompson.

11.00 BBC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 1.00 Fine State Foods (1947) Room drama, starring Burt Lancaster. 2.40 Close.

## ITV1

6.00 GMTV. Mid GMTV. 9.25 ITV Early Coronation Street. 9.30 This Morning. Saturday Kitchen. 12.30 ITV News; Weather. 12.35 Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) Comedy starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. 2.40 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. 4.20 Regional Programmes. 6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 **How You've Been Framed!**

6.40 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** Comprehension of the week's small screen highlights.

7.20 **Auntie Dee's Pack to the Future.** Last week's stunning family reunion, voted for by a few out of challenges, with the hosts aims hoping to hold on to as much of their all cause £100,000 as possible.

8.30 **Who Do You Think You Are?** Newsreader Jeremy Paxman discovers a painter and decorator, a sports centre manager and an unlicensed taxi driver among his ancestors.

9.30 **FILE: The World is Not Enough.** (1999) Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle, Sophie Marceau and Robbie Coltrane.

11.40 **ITV News Weather.**

11.45 **FILE: The World is Not Enough.** (1999) Concluded.

12.30 The Cube: Celebrity Special. (R) 1.15 The Sean ITV News Headlines; Late Summary. (R) 1.45 ITV Nightscreen. 1.50 ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

6.00 Sell Mell. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) Quite The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Superbike: World Championship 2011. (R) 8.00 The Gadget Show The Morning Live. 9.00 Tic Friends. (R) 9.30 Tic Friends. (R) 10.00 Tic Friends. (R) 10.30 Tic Friends. (R) 11.00 Tic Jessie J. 11.30 Tic Glee. 12.00 Tic Sport. Bright Filmbuster. 12.30 Tic Jennifer Lopez Video Exclusive. 12.45 Tic The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 Tic The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Channel 4 Racing. 2.30 The Great Supercar Club. 3.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

5.00 **The Political Girl.** By Nicola Sturgeon of the Scottish National Party.

5.30 **Obsessed Villains.**

6.00 **Hiking Man.** Ordnance Survey discusses her view that religion has no form of man.

7.00 **River Cottage Diary.** How to utilise cucumbers, well-sourced fish. (R)

8.00 **Seven Ages of Britain.** The first page, between 5,000BC and 1,000BC. (R)

9.00 **FILE: Tribes.** (2004) Romance Thriller, starring Lena Headey, Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace.

10.40 **FILE: Flight of the Phoenix.** (2004) Action adventure, starring Dennis Quaid.

12.40 Fine Lady Vengeance. (2009) Thriller, starring Hong-jin Lee. 4.00 Grin On Tic. (R) 4.30 Without a Trace. (R) 5.00 Privileged. (R) 5.30 Wayne's Perfect Resort. Live Coronation.

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.00 Zoo Days. (R) 9.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.00 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.00 Film: Ride Clear of Diablo. (1954) Revenge Western, starring Audie Murphy. 2.00 Film: Fire-creek. (1968) Western starring James Stewart. 4.00 Film: Superman II. (1980) Comedy adventure sequel, with Christopher Reeve.

5.00 News.

5.05 **10 CGI.** An explosion at a nanotechnology factory is ruled a murder investigation. (R)

6.00 **CGI: Rihanna's Greatest.** Rihanna performs her biggest chart hits. (R)

6.30 **CGI: Mad.** Cutting-edge computer-graphic cartoon to tell you all the celebrities, and apparently cartoon the death of an Egyptian – but the other CGIs believe she is innocent and set out to clear her name. (R)

7.00 **CGI: Elf.** Part two of two. More comedy as the investigation into the murder of Chief Crown Executive and begins to suspect Conor himself is the killer. Starring Gary Sinise.

8.00 **CGI: Ghost Smash Investigations.** An old home-like case is requested. (R)

9.00 **Fernando Flies.** A necklace helps to identify a murder victim.

10.00 Supercopters. 11.00 Storm Chasers: Chase Tour. (R) 12.00 Hench Fighters. (R) 1.00 The Antisocial Show. (R) 2.00 Thomas & Friends. (R) 2.05 Everyone Racing On. (R)

## Digital

**ITV2**

6.00 Film: One Tree Hill (2003) Drama. 8.00 Celebrity Juice. 8.55 Film: Lovely Late Night (1997)

**ITV3**

6.55 Rugby: Wales v France. 9.35 Inspector Morse. 4.04 Rosemary & Thyme. 5.05 Midsomer Murders. 6.04 Under the Dome.

**ITV4**

6.55 Film: Escape to Witch Mountain. (1975) 8.04 Film: Escape to Witch Mountain. (1975) 9.54 Film: Escape to Witch Mountain. (1975) 10.04 Film: The Wolf Man. 11.04 Ultimate Force. 12.04 Film: Unleashed. (2005)

**BBC THREE**

2.04 Top Gear. 4.04 Great TV Mistakes. 4.34 Russell Howard's Good News Extra. 4.55 Film: Snowdonia. (2004) 6.55 Family Guy.

**BBC FOUR**

2.04 Atlantic Crossings. 3.00 The Girl That Changed Britain. 4.00 The Killing. 10.35 How TV Ruined Your Life. 11.35 Absolute Zero. 12.05 All the Boys Love Mandy Lane. (2006)

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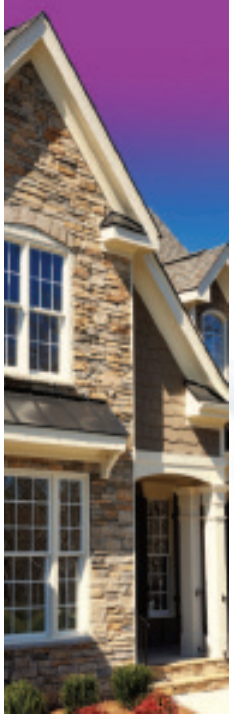
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**FILM4**

4.30 Comic On Cruelest. (1992) 6.25 Kitty: Return to Mansfield. (2006) 8.00 Back to America. (1989) A black woman considers for her daughter's biological father, and is drawn to a bar to ask to be a book of the afternoon. Female Boxers, starring Hilary Duff and Tim Dutton. 4.04 The X Effect. Want to Believe. (2004) Paranormal investigators Mulder and Scully search for Billy, a top CIA FBI (1983) for missing women. Bold thriller sequel, with David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. 10.05 All the Boys Love Mandy Lane. (2006)

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## Choice



**COUNTRY HOUSE RESCUE**

Channel 4, 9pm

Hugh Bonneville's Lifestyles Ltd team decorate the garage on the eve of the UK's most beautiful but increasingly dilapidated historic buildings in its second series. As with the first, many owners follow restaurateur and hotelier Rudi Sharma as he dresses, about changing the fortunes of these places, not only by making them more friendly but also by educating their owners – some have little business experience and need advice on how to get the best out of their properties. Among those will be helping this series are the Gaudronnaise of Kenilworth and the Marquis of Normanby.

## BBC1

## BBC2

## ITV1

## Channel 4

## Channel 5

## Digital

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## Monday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. 9.30 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Week or Ready? 11.30 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Smoking and the Bandits: Panorama. 9.00 Motorway Cops. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Mic Brown's Boys. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.25 The Apprentice USA: Weatherview. 1.55 Sign Zone. Silk. (R) 2.55 Imagine. (R) 3.55 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Parents Under Pressure. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Raymond Blanc: Kitchen Secrets. 9.00 When Teenage Meets Old Age. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.20 Antiland Parish. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Lakes. 9.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 New Homes from Hell 2009. (R) 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Teade People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) Z15 Freshly Squeezed. Z40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The TV Book Club. 12.30 Flint: Death Drums Along the River. (1963) Murder mystery remake, starring Richard Todd. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.30 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Z00 Channel 4 News. Z55 4thoughts. 8.00 Dickatoes: Selling Off Britain. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Flint: Bomb Cultural Learnings of America for Mike Benett. Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan. (2008) Spoof documentary with Sacha Baron Cohen. 11.00 Flint: Mosho Libre. (2006) 12.30 Range Wars: Built in a Day. (R) 1.25 Royal Deaths and Disasters. (R) 2.20 Cookery. (R) 4.05 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.00 Reaper. (R) 5.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 12.05 Magic in Moments. (R) 12.30 5 News. 12.15 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 3.25 Film: Avenging Angel. (2007) 5.00 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 8. 9.00 Royal Navy Caribbean Patrol. 10.00 Flint: Kill Switch. (2008) 12.00 Ultimate Fighting Championship. 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.55 Your Sport. (R) 4.05 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.50 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

## Tuesday

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Wonders of the Universe. (R) 8.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. 8.30 Great British Food Revival. 9.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 9.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.20 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 12.05 Magic in Moments. (R) 12.30 5 News. 12.15 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 3.15 Film: The Royal Scandal. (2001) Sherlock Holmes mystery, starring Matt Frewer. 5.00 News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Extraordinary Dogs; News Update. 8.00 Stranded: The Inside Story. A private jet undergoes a safety inspection; 5 News at 8. 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A man falls to his death from a cruise balcony. 10.00 CSI: Miami. A consultant is found dead in the boot of a car. (R) 10.55 CSI: NY. (R) 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.50 SuperCasino. 3.55 Your Sport. (R) 4.05 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.50 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 The Hairy Bikers. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Great British Food Revival. 8.30 23 Week Ashes: The Price of Life. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.20 Timeshift: The Modern Age of Coach Travel. 1.20 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 UEFA Champions League Live. Tottenham Hotspur v AC Milan (Kick-off 7.45pm). 9.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. 11.35 Police, Camera, Action! (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Film: Timecop. The Berlin Decision. (2008) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Jason Scott Lee. 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Teade People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) Z15 Freshly Squeezed. Z40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 Country House Rescue. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Drums Along the Mohawk. (1939) Historical drama, starring Henry Fonda. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.30 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Z00 Channel 4 News. Z55 4thoughts. 8.00 Beauty and the Beast: Ugly Face of Prejudice. 9.00 Jamie's Dream School. 10.00 The Model Agency. 11.05 Shameless. (R) 12.10 Music on 4: Music Favourites: Jessie J. (R) 12.40 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show. Spotlight. 12.55 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.30 Life, Death and Suffer Story. 1.20 One Under. 1.55 This Is Me. (R) 1.50 Frontier House. (R) 2.55 Without a Trace. (R) 3.30 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.20 Reaper. (R) 5.10 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.35 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 12.05 Magic in Moments. (R) 12.30 5 News. 12.15 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 3.20 Film: Circle of Friends. (2000) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old TV. 7.00 News at 7. 7.30 Starlight: For the Children; News Update. 8.00 Cowboy Builders. (R) News at 9. 9.00 NCIS. 10.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) 11.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.55 Poker. 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.55 Your Sport. (R) 4.05 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.50 Nick's Quest. (R)

## Thursday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. 9.30 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Week or Ready? 11.30 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Bang Goes the Winter Weather Special. 9.00 Comic Relief: Famous, Rich and in the Slums. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This Week; Skiing Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Smoking and the Bandits: Panorama. (R) 12.55 Countryfile. (R) 1.55 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 2.55 The Foods That Make Billions. (R) 3.55 Rip Off Britain. 4.25 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 A Farmer's Life for Me. 8.00 The British at Work. 10.00 Mock the Week. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.20 The Culture Show. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Make Your Own School: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Monroe. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Benidorm. (R) 11.35 Send In the Dogs. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.25 Make Your Own School: Tonight. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) Z15 Freshly Squeezed. Z40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 The Redcoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.15 Film: Sea of Sand. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Attenborough. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.30 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Z00 Channel 4 News. Z55 4thoughts. 8.00 Relocation, Relocation. 9.00 Love Thy Neighbour. 10.00 10 O'Clock Live. 11.05 Friday Night Dinner. (R) 11.35 The Ricky Gervais Show. 12.05 Music on 4: CTRL Mix. 12.40 Music on 4: On Track. (R) 1.10 Mudcourt 4: The Crush. (R) 2.00 The People's Supermarket. (R) 2.55 Dickatoes: Selling Off Britain. (R) 3.45 Without a Trace. (R) 4.30 Reaper. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.05 Magic in Moments. (R) 12.30 News. 12.15 House. 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 3.20 Film: Lies and Deception. (2005) Thriller, starring Madchen Amick. 5.00 News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old TV. Daily magazine show, hosted by Kate Walsh and Matt Johnson. 7.00 News. 7.30 Live: UEFA Europa League Football. A last-16 first-leg encounter. 10.15 Film: The Longest Yard. (2005) An imprisoned quarterback is given the task of forming a team of inmates to play American football against the guards. Comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. 12.20 SuperCasino. 3.55 Your Sport. (R) 4.05 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.50 House Doctor. (R)

## Friday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. 9.30 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Week or Ready? 11.30 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Comic Relief: Girl on Wire; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.35 Dr. (R) 9.00 New Tricks. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.25 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.35 Film: The Good Shepherd. (2006) Spy drama, with Matt Damon. Weatherview. 2.15 Sign Zone: South Riding. (R) 3.15 Horizon: How to Mend a Broken Heart. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Britain By Bike. (R) 7.30 Antiland Parish. 8.00 Masterminds. 8.30 Gardeners' World. 9.00 Hidden Treasures of Indian Art. 10.00 Weekend Cricket World Cup Highlights. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show; Weather. 11.50 ICC Cricket World Cup Extra. 12.20 Film: The Man with the Golden Arm. (1956) Drama, starring Frank Sinatra. 2.15 BBC News. 9.15 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Children's Hospital. 9.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Benidorm. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Cube. (R) 11.35 Take Me Out. (R) 12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Teade People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) Z15 Freshly Squeezed. Z40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 Gok's Clothes Roadshow. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. 12.20 Film: The Desert Rats. (1953) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Burton. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.30 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Z00 Channel 4 News. Z55 4thoughts. 8.00 Extras: Relocation, Relocation. Phil Down Under. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies. 10.00 Friday Night Dinner. 10.35 Rude Tube: Animal Madness. (R) 11.00 10 O'Clock Live. (R) 12.05 Music on 4: 4Music Favourites: Alexis Jordan. (R) 1.10 Music on 4: CTRL Mix. (R) 1.40 Mudcourt 4: Ricky Lion Bailey. 1.55 My Name Is: Eazy-E. (R) 2.55 Modern Toss. (R) 3.00 Film: The Man with One Red Shoe. (1985) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks. 9.30 Reaper. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.05 Magic in Moments. (R) 12.30 News. 12.15 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Film: The Long Shot. (2004) Drama, starring Julie Benz. 5.00 News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old TV. Daily magazine show, hosted by Kate Walsh and Matt Johnson. 7.00 News. 7.30 Vets in Action. (R) News Update. 8.00 Ice Road Truckers. News. 9.00 The Mentalist. 10.00 Law & Order. 11.00 NCIS. (R) 11.55 Cops in Crisis. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 Motorsport Manikin. 4.20 Royal Navy Caribbean Patrol. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)


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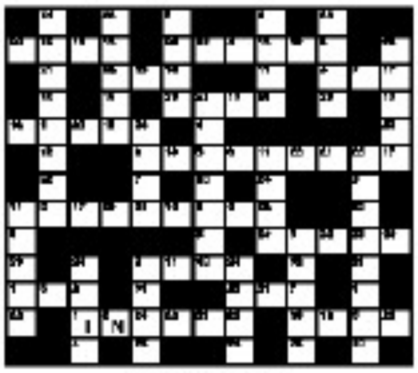
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9. [illegible]
10. [illegible] (6)
12. [illegible] (6)
14. [illegible]
16. [illegible]
18. [illegible] (8)
20. [illegible] (8)
22. [illegible] (3,1,7)

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1. [illegible] (8)
2. [illegible] (6)
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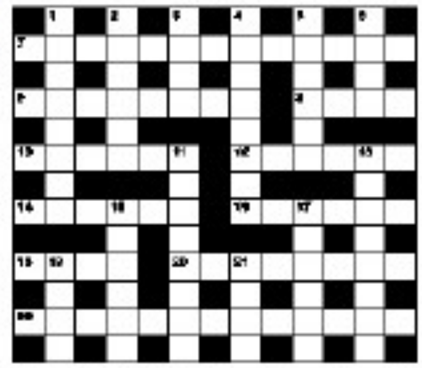
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7. Understanding (1-3)
8. Glue (4)
9. [illegible] (4)
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1. Summation (8)
2. [illegible] (6)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: [illegible]

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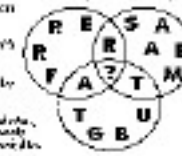
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: [illegible]

## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?




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# Nice ice baby as stars melt hearts

AFTER wowing more than a million people across the country in previous years with stunning ice performances, skating legends Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean will embark on a fifth live UK tour of Dancing on Ice due to arrive in Birmingham in April

This year's tour features more celebrity skaters from the current ITV1 series than ever before. Torvill and Dean will be joined by bookie's favourite EastEnders actor Sam Attwater, alongside TV presenter Chloe Madeley, Chris Moyles' sidekick Comedy Dave Vitty, children's TV presenter Laura Hamilton, Coronation Street and Loose Women's Denise Welch, singing legend Vanilla Ice and Victoria Cross winner Johnson Beharry.

The tour will also see the welcome return of Dancing on Ice 2010 winner, actress Hayley Tamaddon.

TV personality and one time King of the Jungle Christopher Biggins who debuted as a judge on 2010 tour, returns to the panel alongside skating gold medallist and TV judge Robin Cousins and head skating coach from the ITV series, Karen Barber.

Popular TV presenter Andi Peters returns to host the tour.

All of the celebrities will be trained and choreographed by Torvill and Dean, who will also perform routines choreographed exclusively for the live tour. One further celebrity skater is due to be announced.



Cool customer Vanilla Ice has proved very popular on the show

## Decide

The four-week UK tour starting in Sheffield, will also travel to Newcastle, Nottingham, London and Manchester.

At each performance the audience can vote for their favourite celebrity skater. Using the same format as the hit ITV1 show. Spectators can use their mobile phones to text vote for their favourite celebrity.

Audience votes will then be added to scores from the judges to decide the overall celebrity winner. The winning couple then take to the ice for a finale performance.

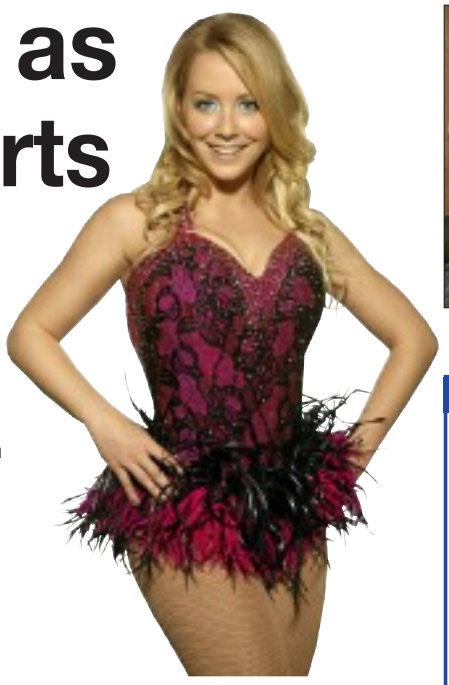
As with previous tours, all profits from text voting will go to charity. More than £100,000 has been raised to date and has been donated to the Royal London Society For The Blind and Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

The tour starts in Sheffield on Saturday, April 9 and is due to move to Birmingham's NIA on Friday, April 15 and run through there until Monday, April 18. Evening shows take place at 7.30pm on April 15, 16 and 18, and 6.30pm on April 17. Afternoon shows are at 2.30pm on April 16 and 1.30pm on April 17. Vanilla Ice cannot perform during the shows on Saturday, April 16.

Vanilla Ice will not be performing at all the shows.

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Tipped as a possible winner is Laura Hamilton



QUARRY Bank comedy act The Fizzogs – Emma Rollason, left, Jacky Fellows, Sue Hawkins, James Collins and Deb Nicholls – present their new show May Contain Nuts at Stourbridge Town Hall this Friday. Other dates include the Hardwicke Theatre, Quarry Bank, on March 31 and April 1.

## REVIEWS

**Tinie Tempah, 02 Academy**

EXACTLY one year ago 22-year-old rapper Tinie Tempah released his debut single. Now the double Brit Award winner is showcasing sell-out gigs across the country.

As he bounced on to the stage at Birmingham's O2 Academy, the crowd, many sporting Tinie's signature spectacles, roared with excitement. Joined by a live band and DJ Charlsey, Tinie kicked off with his latest release, Wonderman- a collaboration with Ellie Goulding.

The effortless performance was memorising and from the outset it was clear to see that this was just the beginning of a career that many artists can only dream of. With the crowd hanging on Tinie's every word his modesty was humbling. He said: "This show in Birmingham has got to be the best yet. I love it and I love you all."

One girl was the envy of the room as she joined Tinie on stage to celebrate her 15th birthday.

He added: "If I could get you all on stage I would. It's because of you and your support that I am here today, I can't thank you enough.

The academy lit up when Tinie encouraged fans to take a picture as he performed his new single, Snap. It was a vision that the London-born rapper said he would remember forever.

The full-capacity crowd never tired of jumping along to an array of the star's chart hits.

After two encores, Tinie, who as toured with the likes of Usher, Pharrell Williams and Rhianna, ended the night with his single of the year, Pass Out.

**SARAH HAZELWOOD**

**James Blunt, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton**

JAMES Blunt can best be described as the Marmite of pop – you either love him or hate him. In Wolverhampton at least, he falls into the former category judging by the crowd reaction.

On his 37th birthday, the former Army officer launched into four straight songs before taking time out to chat to the sell-out crowd.

By the end of a set that included favourites including You're Beautiful and Goodbye My Lover, as well as songs from new album Some Kind of Trouble, he had the majority of his fans up on their seats dancing.

Blunt ended with 1973, but I still couldn't help but think of Gavin & Stacey's Uncle Bryn during the performance of Wisemen.

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HYUNDAI i10 — ROAD TEST

# Small, but no lightweight

For all the doom and gloom of 2010, one car brand shone extra bright: Hyundai.

Although it's happy to acknowledge that the Government's scrappage scheme played its part, it does help if you have the right product in the first place.

Post-scrappage the company is still doing great business, and nowhere is this more obvious than with the i10.

It feels like an age away since buyers were prepared to wait months for the diminutive hatchback, but they all knew what they were doing.

And, just to prove that you can't afford to stand still in this business, Hyundai has given the already successful i10 hatchback a mild refresh in a bid to keep it ahead of the pack.




Small yet perfectly formed – Hyundai's i10 is attractive and affordable

## Nose

Cosmetically the i10 benefits from Hyundai's new family nose. This design theme is already present on the larger ix35, and is set to be the norm on future models. On the mechanical front the car's 1.2-litre petrol motor is now cleaner, more efficient and more powerful. Also, replacing the 1.1-litre unit is a new three-cylinder, 68bhp 1.0-litre engine. This forms the basis of Hyundai's eco-centric i10 Blue variant.

This high-tech three-cylinder engine achieves an impressive 67.3mpg on the combined cycle and boasts a congestion charge and VED-friendly 99g/km CO2 rating.

Even if you don't live in or plan on making regular trips to London to offset the Blue variant's slightly higher price, the 85bhp 1.2 unit delivers 61.4mpg and an equally impressive 108g/km CO2 rating. Engine stop-start technology is also thrown in.

The i10 is a refreshing surprise in an incredibly competitive market. What makes it special is Hyundai's decision to treat its mini model as something bigger. You only have to look around the car's cabin to realise that you can leave your hair shirt at home.

You want air conditioning? No problem. Electric front windows? Absolutely. Somewhere to plug in your MP3 player? You bet. This is what the i10 is really like – anything but a budget runabout – and it's one of the reasons why buyers flocked to the outgoing model in their droves.

It might appear no larger than most other cars but appearances are deceptive. The i10 is easily able to accommodate four adults. Substitute two of the grown-ups for children and you could be looking at your first family car.

The i10 is also more capable on the road than you might think. With its direct and accurate steering, supple ride and refined cabin, it would appear that compromise has been ripped out of Hyundai's corporate dictionary.

With its eager hum and refined character, the 1.2-litre i10 is more than capable of keeping up with the rush hour traffic and never feels out of place on the motorway.

There's no question that the engine's added oomph and the slick five-sped manual gearbox helps. A four-speed auto is also available for the 1.2 variant.

## Cousin

The i10 Blue isn't far behind, either. It gets by with less power but the three-pot motor's willingness easily outweighs any on paper deficiencies.

The i10 Blue is more of a city car than its more powerful four-cylinder cousin, but never feels out of puff out of the city limits.

The i10 is a good car. That it comes equipped more like an entry-level family hatch is a bonus. Add the five-year warranty and it's clear that this i10 is no lightweight. **IAIN DOOLEY**

**FACTS AT A GLANCE**

**Model**: Hyundai i10 1.0 Blue, from £9,195 on the road. i10 range from £8,195.

**Engine**: 1.0-litre petrol unit developing 68bhp.

**Transmission**: Five-speed manual transmission, front wheel drive.

**Performance**: Maximum speed 93mph, 0-62mph 14.8 seconds.

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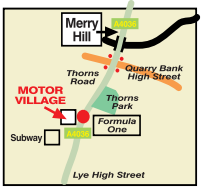

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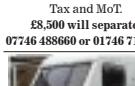
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# sport

## Students flock to work with screen legend

MORE THAN 140 martial arts students descended on the Wyre Forest for a seminar with screen movie fighter Master Zara Phythian.

The 13 times world champion, also known as Lady Dragon, was the star of an event hosted by Kidderminster and Bewdley Tae Kwon Do Schools of Excellence and backed by Combat magazine and BlackBelt Inc.

Students with various martial art backgrounds attended Bewdley Leisure Centre – Tae Kwon Do, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, extreme martial arts and Jiu-Jitsu. They ranged in age from five to 50.

The morning session started with the juniors who trained in performance and acrobatic martial arts, including an "air pad" to allow a safe landing zone for aerial flips.

The juniors session was followed by photographs and signings by Zara Phythian.

Next up was a display from her students Miss Raven Wright and Trey "Showtime" Drysdale to wow an audience of 250.

Each move was choreographed to music and incorporated the use of martial arts weapons. Wright has just been on tour with dance troupe Diversity, while Drysdale is a world champion in weapons and forms.

The adults session followed, with a high tempo warm-up succeeded by reality combat techniques.

The session ended with a fun tutorial in movie screen fighting techniques.

The whole event was filmed for Sky TV and will be aired later this year.



Goalscorer Chris McPhee powers forward in Kidderminster's win over Wrexham



Sean Canham gets up high to head the ball clear for Harriers

# HARRIERS BACK IN PLAY-OFF ZONE

A FIRST-HALF penalty by Chris McPhee was enough to nudge Kidderminster back into the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off zone.

Harriers' leading scorer was spot on in the 37th minute to lift his side into fifth place with a crucial victory over Dean Saunders' high-flying Wrexham side.

McPhee's winner hoisted his goals tally so far this season to 14, including no fewer than five penalties.

**Kidderminster 1 Wrexham 0**

But it was Kidderminster's hard working rearguard that took the honours, particularly in the second half when third-placed Wrexham pushed hard for a share of the spoils.

Harriers' heroic defensive efforts were praised by Aggborough assistant boss Gary Whild.

He said: "Our goalkeeper Danny Lewis said that, in terms of saves, it was as quiet as he's been for a long time.

### Superb

"But that's credit to the lads in front of him, they were superb."

On-song Kidderminster, watched by their first 3,000-plus crowd of the season, are now unbeaten in eight matches and have won their last six home encounters.

McPhee's winner allowed them to gain revenge for their 2-0 FA Trophy first round defeat at Wrexham in December which followed a 2-2 stalemate in a league match at the Racecourse in August.

Kidderminster went close to breaking the deadlock just before the half-hour mark when Matty Blair had a shot rebound off the base of a post. The ball came out to former Wrexham defender Mike Williams whose fierce drive flashed inches wide.

The breakthrough soon followed, however, when a determined run by Blair ended with him being brought down inside the area by Chris Blackburn. McPhee stepped up to convert the penalty – albeit via the underside of the bar.

Harriers, who have now lost just once in the last 13 matches, then had to overcome a severe test in the second period when Wrexham stepped up the pressure.

Lewis, however, was well protected by the Aggborough defenders while at the other end Keith Briggs had a couple of efforts which gave the frustrated visitors cause for concern.

Whild, however, was impressed with the way Harriers struck to their guns to pick up their 12th home league victory of the campaign.

He said: "It was as you would expect it to be, a difficult game. But we coped with it well."

**Kidderminster**: Lewis; Sharpe, Briscoe, Albrighton, Williams; Blair (Hankin, 90), Shaw, Briggs, Wright (Gittings, 69); Canham (Matt, 90), McPhee. **Subs not used:** Stevens, Morris.

**Wrexham**: Maxwell; Obeng, Creighton, Sinclair, Ashton; Blackburn (Knight-Percival, 80), Fowler (Tolley, 70), Harris; Morrell, Taylor, Mangan (Pogba, 46). **Subs not used:** McMillan, Andrews.

**Referee**: Robert Merchant.

**Attendance**: 3,028.



Tom Shaw skips clear of a Wrexham challenge. *Pictures: Patrick Mulvaney*

## Saxons edged out

**Stourbridge 0 Cinderford 11**

CINDERFORD took the points back to the Forest of Dean after edging out their neighbours on a muddy Stourton Park pitch.

A try and a penalty midway through the second half, when the home side were down to 14 men, proved the turning point.

Saxons centre Tom Jarvis nearly scored on nine minutes, appearing to win the race in a chip and chase only for a five-metre scrum to be awarded.

Further chances came and went. Ben Sparks just failed to gather a bullet pass from Peter White under the posts.

Dan Trigg's penalty broke the deadlock and added a second kick while a pushover try saw Gregg Evans claim the plaudits.

## Carolians in relegation battle after this defeat

**Pershore 22 Kidderminster Carolians 14**

KIDDERMINSTER Carolians' away day woes continued with this defeat at the hands of their local rivals, who leapfrogged them in the table.

Kidderminster now find themselves embroiled in a relegation battle, having slipped to tenth as other results went against them.

Pershore were on top from the start but it took them 15 minutes to open their account when their No 10 kicked a penalty, ***writes Martin Easton.***

Forced to field an understrength pack, KCs were living off scraps but with half an hour played they won a lineout midway in their own half and moved the ball along the backs to left wing Will Varley.

The young prospect still had plenty of work to do but marked his first start for the seniors with an excellent run and finish to put the visitors 5-3 ahead against the balance of play.

### Fringes

The lead was short-lived. Two minutes later Pershore's lively left wing made the most of some loose marking around the fringes of a ruck to scamper over for a converted try.

Two Andy McLellan penalties, the second an excellent long-range effort, nudged Kidderminster a point ahead and a last-gasp tackle by full-back Nick Martin at the corner flag denied the hosts a score.

However, Pershore maintained the pressure with a series of pick and drives. And in time added on Carolians, having missed chances to clear their lines, were punished when Pershore won turnover ball to cross for a try and a 15-11 interval advantage.

The start of the second half saw Kidderminster enjoying much more of the game and after 10 minutes, having missed one chance, McLellan landed a simple penalty to reduce the deficit to just one point.

That, however, was as good as it got. Pershore, with their number eight leading the way, seized the initiative and midway through the half their left wing crossed for his second try, duly converted.

Down 22-14, coach Bryan Smallman responded with a number of substitutions and positional changes but to no avail. Even when Pershore were reduced to 14 men after a yellow card for dangerous play KCs never really looked like rescuing a match which exposed their lack of depth when so many first choice players are unavailable.

The next fixture, away to Berkswell & Balsall who are one place and two points behind Kidderminster, now takes on extra significance.

## Best yet by the U15s

**Kidderminster C 17 Worcester 17**

KIDDERMINSTER'S under-15 side produced its best performance of the season to claim a draw against strong Worcester opposition.

It was a nip and tuck match on a wet and muddy pitch.

Carolians were left hanging on at the death with 14 men after a yellow card, but stood firm.

Eddie Maiden, Miles Henderson and Liam Gwynne all crossed with David Bisset adding a conversion.

## Third gold as Biles heads the rankings

JUDO ace Sarah Biles won gold at the North-West Junior Open Championships – her third successive national ranking victory. She now heads the rankings.

Her category, the under-20 years, under-70 kilos group, featured a very strong field including most of the top British players.

As number one seed Biles went straight to the quarter-finals, where she opened her account with an impressive win on the ground. She also controlled the semi-final, gaining a high score and closing down the match to reach the final. Her opponent was a strong girl from Essex but Biles controlled the bout, scored and then countered a weak attack for the decisive groundhold.

Charis Hancocks, in the under-20, under-52 kilos category had three maximum points wins followed by a tremendous semi-final clash. Not even a golden score period could settle it and Hancocks lost on a 2-1 judges vote before going on to take bronze.

Sally and Rachel Moon also added a bronze apiece in the under-16, under-70 kilos class.

# Down to 10, but Stourport take win

**Sutton Coldfield 0 Stourport 2**

STOURPORT ladies firsts continued their march towards promotion from Midlands Division One.

But there was an even opening to a match featuring teams from opposite ends of the league table.

Stourport had their moments in the first half but failed to take chances, leaving the game goalless at the break.

In the second half the league leaders stepped up and broke the deadlock when Sophie Harris converted a short corner with a powerful shot from the top of the D.

Stourport then had to work overtime after having a player sent off, but with Georgi Burns in fine form kept their goal intact.

And the visitors sealed their win when Lora Symonds deflected the ball in for the crucial second goal.

**Stourport 0 Cannock 5**

Stourport seconds found Feeder West league leaders Cannock too much to handle.

The unbeaten visitors put five past the home team without reply.

Cannock were on top throughout against a Stourport side which never found the form it has been showing over the last few weeks.

Sloppy errors led to two first-half goals and while the home team improved in the second period, Cannock added a further three.

**Harborne 3 Stourport 3**

Stourport thirds had the final say, Bethan Merriman's reverse-stick shot levelling a game in which both teams had led.

Stourport were first on the board in the Worcestershire First Division game, Abbie Yapp's deflection finding the goal, but Harborne equalised before the interval.

The home side took the lead early in the second half only for Stourport to get back on level terms through a Fran Moss strike from a short corner.

Again Harborne got ahead but the goal served only to set the stage for Merriman's equaliser.

**Stourport 1 Kidderminster 4**

Lorna Hawthorne was on the mark for the fourths but could not prevent them trailing 3-1 at the break. The visitors added a fourth goal in the second period.

**Stourport 3 Droitwich 1**

The fifths duly beat bottom placed Droitwich in the Worcestershire Third Division.

The visitors, fielding only 10 players, came under immediate pressure and could have been more than one goal adrift before Stourport scored on 10 minutes with a superb strike from the top of the D by captain Chey West.

Droitwich pushed forward but did not look like producing an uncomfortable moment for Stourport keeper Gemma Robinson. But Stourport squandered chances and Droitwich equalised five minutes before half-time.

However, with two minutes of the half remaining, Stourport regained the lead. A cross from the right was met with a scramble of sticks at the far post, Jean Seniors getting the final touch. The second half saw both sides push, but intricate dribbling by Denise Goodwin set up West for her second of the match.

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